

Claim Amendments:

Kindly amend claims 1 through 17 to read as follows:

1. (cancelled)

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) A golf club grip, comprising:

a lining sleeve which includes a sleeve body having top and bottom ends, a cap projecting radially from said top end, and a protective rim projecting radially from said bottom end, said cap being formed with an annular recess; and

an anti-slip sheet layer extending around said lining sleeve between said cap and said protective rim, said sheet layer having top and bottom circumferential margins, said top circumferential margin being fitted within said annular recess so as to be hemmed and hidden by a portion of said cap, said bottom circumferential margin being in abutment with said protective rim,

wherein said cap includes a first skirt part which projects axially toward said protective rim from a distal end of said cap and which confines said annular recess, said first skirt part forming said portion of said cap,

wherein said anti-slip sheet layer further includes two axial margins which interconnect said top and bottom circumferential margins and which are near to each other, and

~~The golf club grip as claimed in Claim 4,~~ wherein said ~~lining sleeve grip~~ further includes an axial hem structure which extends from said cap to said protective rim along said axial margins of said sheet layer, said axial margins of said sheet layer being received by said hem structure so as to be hidden by said hem structure.

6. (original) The golf club grip as claimed in Claim 5, wherein said hem structure is molded integrally with said cap and said protective rim.

7. (original) The golf club grip as claimed in Claim 5, wherein said hem structure includes an axial rib extending radially from an outer surface of said sleeve body from said cap to said protective rim, and a pair of flanges which project from an outer distal end of said axial rib substantially in opposite circumferential directions, said flanges respectively defining two cavities on two sides of said axial rib to receive respectively said axial margins of said sheet layer.

8. (withdrawn) The golf club grip as claimed in Claim 4 5, wherein said lining sleeve is a molded tubular body.

9. (withdrawn) The golf club grip as claimed in Claim 8, wherein said tubular body is made of a resilient polymeric material which is selected from a group consisting of rubbers, rubber compounds, thermoplastic elastomer (TPE), thermoplastic rubber (TPR), ~~other~~ elastomers, and close-celled foams of plastics and rubbers.

10. (original) The golf club grip as claimed in Claim 5, wherein said axial margins of said sheet layer define a seam therebetween, said hem structure comprising a seam straightening rib projecting from said sleeve body and extending axially from said cap to said protective rim so as to straighten said seam, and a hemming strip overlying said seam and bonded onto said axial margins, said seam being aligned with said seam straightening rib.

11. (original) The golf club grip as claimed in Claim 10, further comprising a hem receiving groove formed in said sheet layer along and above said seam straightening rib to receive said hemming strip.

12. (currently amended) A golf club grip, comprising:

a lining sleeve which includes a sleeve body having top and bottom ends, a cap projecting radially from said top end, and a protective rim projecting radially from said bottom

end;

an anti-slip sheet layer extending around said lining sleeve between said cap and said protective rim, said sheet layer having top and bottom circumferential margins respectively proximate to said cap and said protective rim, two axial margins which interconnect said top and bottom circumferential margins and which extend ~~adjacent~~ near to each other; and

a hem structure extending axially from said cap to said protective rim along said axial margins,

wherein said axial margins of said sheet layer are received in and finished by said hem structure.

13. (original) The golf club grip as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said hem structure is molded integrally with said cap and said protective rim.

14. (original) The golf club grip as claimed in Claim 13, wherein said hem structure includes an axial rib extending radially from an outer surface of said sleeve body between said cap and said protective rim and along said axial margins, and a pair of flanges which project from an outer distal end of said rib substantially in opposite circumferential directions, said flanges defining respectively two cavities on two sides of said axial rib to receive respectively said axial margins.

15. (original) The golf club grip as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said axial margins of said sheet layer define a seam therebetween, said hem structure comprising a seam straightening rib projecting from said sleeve body and extending axially from said cap to said protective rim said seam so as to straighten said seam, and a hemming strip overlying said seam and bonded onto said axial margins, said seam being aligned with said seam straightening rib.

16. (original) The golf club grip as claimed in Claim 15, further comprising a hem receiving groove formed in said sheet layer along and above said seam straightening rib to receive said hemming strip.

17. (original) The golf club grip as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said cap includes a first

skirt part which projects axially toward said protective rim from a distal end of said cap and which confines an annular recess around said sleeve body, said protective rim including a second skirt part which projects axially toward said cap from a distal end of said protective rim and which confines an additional annular recess, said flanges being connected to said first and second skirt parts.